

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1248  
By DeBerry J

A RESOLUTION to recognize Robert Lewis Terrell on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lewis Terrell is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-six years with the Memphis City School System, and he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell graduated from St. Augustine Catholic High School, and he attended Mississippi Industrial College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, committed to academic and educational excellence, he also graduated from the University of Arkansas at Jonesboro with a Master's of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous athlete, Robert Terrell excelled in baseball, basketball, track, and football while in college, and he played semi-professional baseball for the South Memphis Chicks, the Letter Carriers, and the Mets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrell began his teaching career at Jordan High School in Carthage, Mississippi, as a Physical Education teacher and coach before moving to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a forty-six-year employee of the Memphis City School System, Mr. Terrell has served as a sixth grade teacher at Walker Elementary School, a coach and administrative aide at Corry Junior High School, and the Assistant Principal of Memphis Technical High School; and

WHEREAS, Robert Terrell has served as Principal with the utmost acumen and alacrity at Cummings Elementary School for the past twenty-seven years, earning the respect of his colleagues and the members of his community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Robert Terrell has been named the Coach of the Year in football, basketball, and baseball, the Corry Junior High School Teacher of the Year, and the Cummings Elementary School Principal of the Year; he also received the Phi Delta Kappa Service Key Award and the Peacemakers Award; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and talents to numerous organizations and activities, Robert Terrell is an active member of Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Terrell is a faithful member of Grace United Methodist Church, which he has served for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Robert Terrell is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-six years, Katherine, and their marriage has been blessed with one daughter, Toya Terrell-Hawkins and husband Andrew; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to family, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell are the proud grandparents of Xytoi, Tiffany, Jasmine, and Andrew II; and

WHEREAS, Robert Terrell epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Terrell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Robert Lewis Terrell for his meritorious service with the Memphis School System, commend his dedication and commitment to the youth of the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.